

LOYALTY AND LOVE
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This ceremony may be given for both incoming Matron and Patron as soon as they are escorted to the East, or following installation of all officers.

New officers form cross in front of dais, between dais and Altar thus:-

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Fig. 1

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Fig. 2

If ceremony is given as soon as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are installed, Organist and Marshal lead line of march, other officers in semicircle following to form body of Cross, Fig. 1. Warder and Sentinel on north, and Associate Matron and Associate Patron on south step up to position to form arms of Cross, Fig. 2.

As soon as all are in position and Cross formed, soloist sings:

Tune: "Blessed Assurance." (Hymn)

Matron and Patron, we welcome you,
And now the East will welcome you too;
You are our leaders, you are our guide,
We shall be glad to walk by your side.

Chorus:

Matron and Patron, we welcome you
With the assurance you will be true,
We want to help you, we want to do
All that we can to carry you through.

If on your journey dark clouds arise,
If sun is hidden by gloomy skies,
Do not be troubled, do not despair,
If we are needed, you'll find us there.

Chorus:

May flowers bloom for you on your way,
And may the songbirds sing every day;
May all your life be filled with a charm,
And may God bless and keep you from harm.

If song is used for Worthy Matron only, change words "Matron and Patron" to "Our Worthy Matron".

At close of song, officers forming arm of cross all step one space to left, as in Fig. 3, then the four officers at left step up one space to form letter "L", as in Fig. 4.

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Fig. 3

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Fig. 4

As soon as letter is formed, the one presenting flowers approaches the East. The colors of the Worthy Matron may be used in the flowers, or in the ribbon with which they are tied. A gift may also be presented at this time and tied with ribbons in color.

The one presenting flowers (or gift) speaks as follows:

As from a cross of faith we now can form the letter L,
For L can stand for loyalty and stand for love as well;
You will know we have a message that is forever true,
And if you guess it's meaning you will know it is for you.

We want to be so loyal each day throughout the year,
We want to love you always; may this fill your heart with cheer;
Where love and loyalty abound, all things are sure to please,
No gift that we could offer you, would be as great as these.

All of our noble heroines were so brave and loyal too,
And filled with that abundant love, such as we offer you;
May all your days be happy ones, and may your year disclose
A cup of loyalty and love, a cup that overflows.

After flowers are presented, officers retrace steps to former position.

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